

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants' attorneys appreciate the Examiner's remarks.

Responsive to the objection against Figure 1, numeral 25 has been deleted from the specification. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Responsive to the objection against the specification, the specification has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claims 3-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Hshieh et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,907,776 (Hshieh).

Claim 3 calls for, in combination with other limitations, "applying a blanket implant of a first conductivity type to a substrate of a second conductivity type."

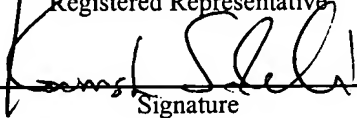
Claim 4 calls for, in combination with other limitations, "selecting an active region in a major surface of a semiconductor body of a first conductivity type; implanting dopants of a second conductivity type in all of said active region".

In the Office Action, Fig. 3 and Col. 4, lines 40-45, and lines 50-51 of Hshieh have been indicated as showing a blanket implant as called for by claims 3 and 4. The cited portions of Hshieh have been carefully reviewed. No part of Hshieh, however, has been identified as showing a blanket implant as called for by the claims. Identification of that portion of Hshieh which teaches a blanket implant prior to forming other features of the device as called for by the claims is respectfully requested. Otherwise, it is respectfully submitted that Hshieh does not anticipate claims 3-10. The application should, therefore, be allowed.

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